



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JULY 18, 2005

### TEMPERATURES CONTINUE TO RISE

Another hot and humid week has had an impact on crops around the state. Freshly cut hay is having a difficult time drying while corn growth continues to accelerate due to the above average temperatures and moisture. The tasseling of field corn has reached the midway point with 54 percent complete, matching the 5-year average. Farmers are also experiencing difficulty with planting of second-crop soybeans due to the precipitation last week. There were **4.3 days suitable for field work**.

**Fruits** were rated in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 2 percent poor, 7 percent fair, 89 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Peaches** were rated 5 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

**Pasture** was rated 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 16 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 7 percent very short, 10 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Harvesting Progress:</b>				
Barley	99	94	100	99
Cantaloups	11	5	26	19
Cucumbers	33	23	33	36
Lima Beans (processed)	17	14	27	13
Peaches	13	2	16	14
Potatoes	28	14	14	27
Snap Beans	40	26	42	36
Sweet Corn	12	9	35	27
Wheat	81	60	99	89
<b>Crop Progress:</b>				
Corn Silked	54	19	87	54
Soybeans Blooming	28	5	45	21
<b>Hay Harvested:</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	91	80	75	78
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	70	60	62	55

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	13	75	12
Topsoil (2004)	2	20	60	18
Five Year Average	7	21	59	13
Subsoil Moisture	3	17	76	4
Subsoil (2004)	1	13	71	15
Five Year Average	10	16	65	9

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	3.94	27.38	5.34	92	64	79	3
Easton	0.88	27.22	3.17	93	63	80	3
Frederick	3.06	25.48	3.58	94	62	79	6
Frostburg	1.18	24.27	-2.19	84	57	72	5
Hagerstown	1.95	17.16	-4.04	92	65	79	4
Mechanicsville	0.04	24.32	-0.44	89	65	79	3
Patuxent River	0.43	23.32	0.99	90	68	80	6
Ocean City	0.13	29.54	5.61	90	64	79	4
Salisbury	0.37	31.65	7.70	90	60	79	3
Sharpsburg	0.76	19.76	-2.14	92	59	78	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.66	25.77	5.39	91	70	82	2
Delaware							
Dover	0.48	28.09	4.41	90	66	79	2
Georgetown	2.52	27.21	4.07	93	64	80	5
Wilmington	1.51	23.65	1.16	92	63	79	3

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